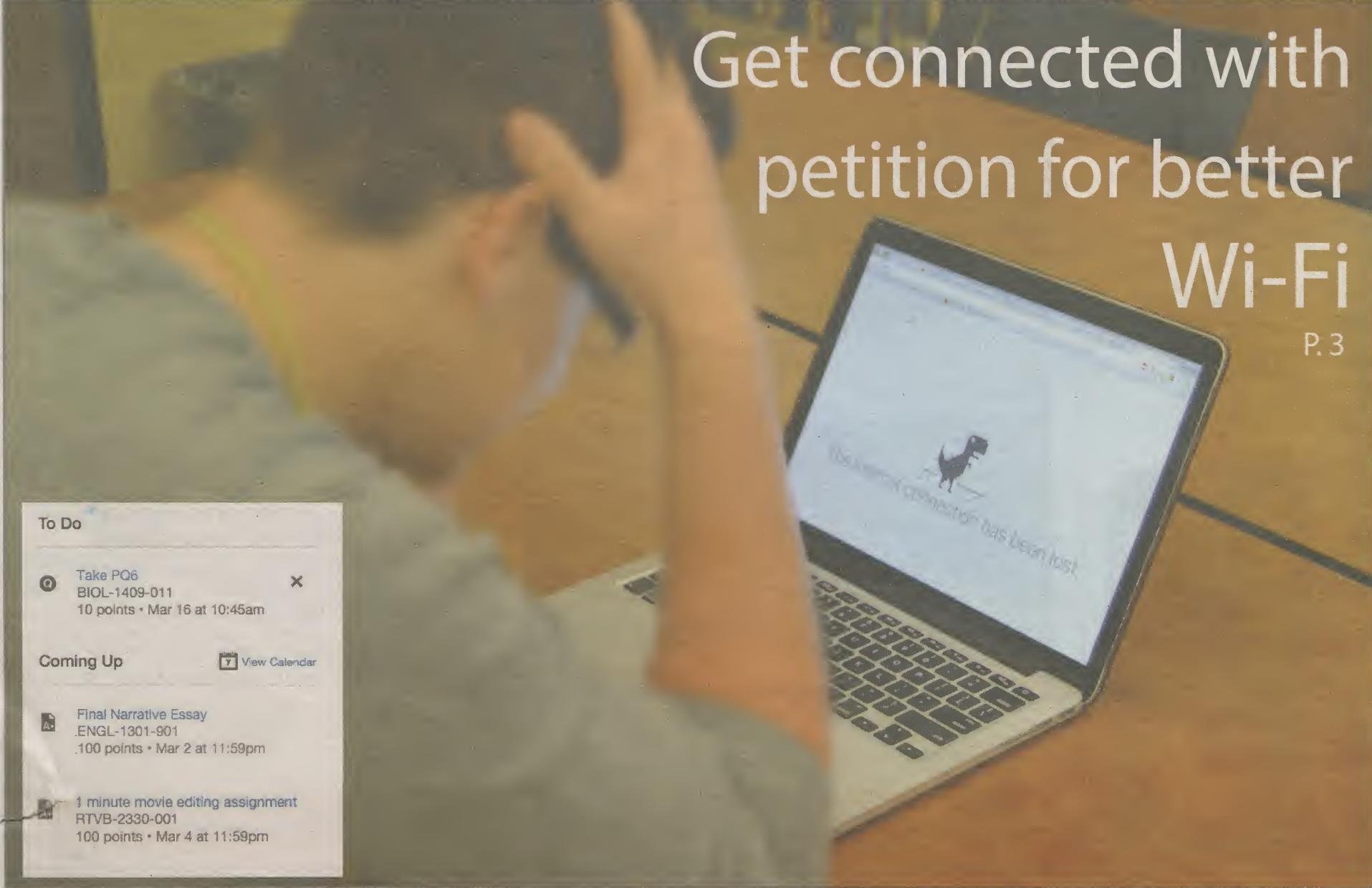


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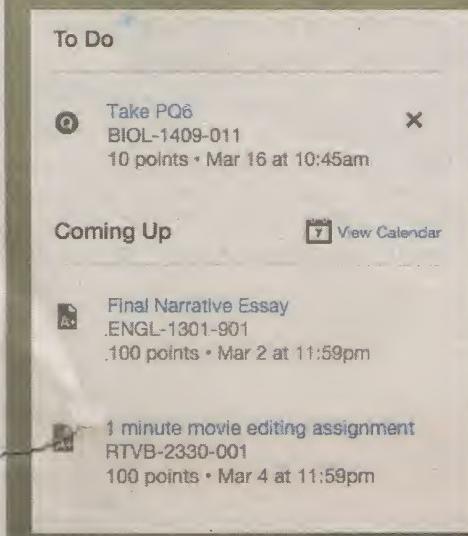
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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC ANNOUNCES AUDITION DATES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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TJC AND UT TYLER MET WITH OFFICIALS FROM SHIMANE UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN

TJC officials working with other officials from UT Tyler, such as Dr. Teresa J. Kennedy, met with Dr. Minoru Miyasaka of Shimane to draft a focused memorandum of understanding and work toward a plan for collaboration. Hoping to explore ways to strengthen their collaboration on language and global perspectives.

TJC ACADEMY OF DANCE DEDICATES CLARA'S STUDIO, MARGARET'S WING

An anonymous TJC donor gave a gift that allowed the Academy of dance to have a new space for students between ages 3 and 10 to practice ballet, modern and pre-ballet dance. Named for the most notable character in Tchaikovsky's classic "Nutcracker" ballet, Clara's Studio was repurposed from a racquetball court into a facility serving academy with special flooring that has been welded together and features tall, shatterproof mirrors and ballet barres made of titanium that will never wear out.

TJC ALUMNUS INDUCTED INTO THE TEXAS HERITAGE SONGWRITERS' HALL OF FAME

Previous TJC student, Will Jennings, wrote the lyrics to Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" which played in the motion picture "Titanic" and won several Academy Awards, Grammy's and numerous other honors. He graduated in 1963 from TJC and won his "Titanic" Oscar with composer James Horner in 1997.

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Wi-Fi on TJC campus is inadequate for student needs

Lack of connection and slow speeds makes doing class assignments stressful for students

By Irene Campos
News Editor

It seems like everyone connects via the Internet nowadays.

When you think about it, the Internet is a vital part of everyday lives. Whether you're looking up a destination, or the scientific word of the day or even just scrolling through your news feed, the average person spends over eight hours a day on some form of electronic device.

An average college student can spend up to ten hours a day on the internet, and that's just recreational use. Most professors contact their students through email, giving them important assignments and other documentation needed for class.

"The reason why they have not expanded the Wi-Fi, that IT told us, is because they didn't know there was a problem."

-Jimmy Fortune
President, Student Senate

Students spend a lot of time on campus, often using the Wi-Fi to do their homework, among other things. But, the growing concern has to do when the connection on campus is not reliable.

Students have voiced their concerns about the lacking Wi-Fi connections to the Student Senate. In turn, the Student Senate started a petition regarding the Wi-Fi on behalf of the TJC student body.

It's takes a while for some students to even get their devices to connect to the Wi-Fi, while others can't connect at all. Certain buildings on campus receive a strong signal, some get a mediocre signal and some don't receive one at all.

"The reason why they have not expanded the Wi-Fi, that IT told us," said Jimmy Fortune, Executive President of TJC Student Senate, "is they didn't know there was a problem."

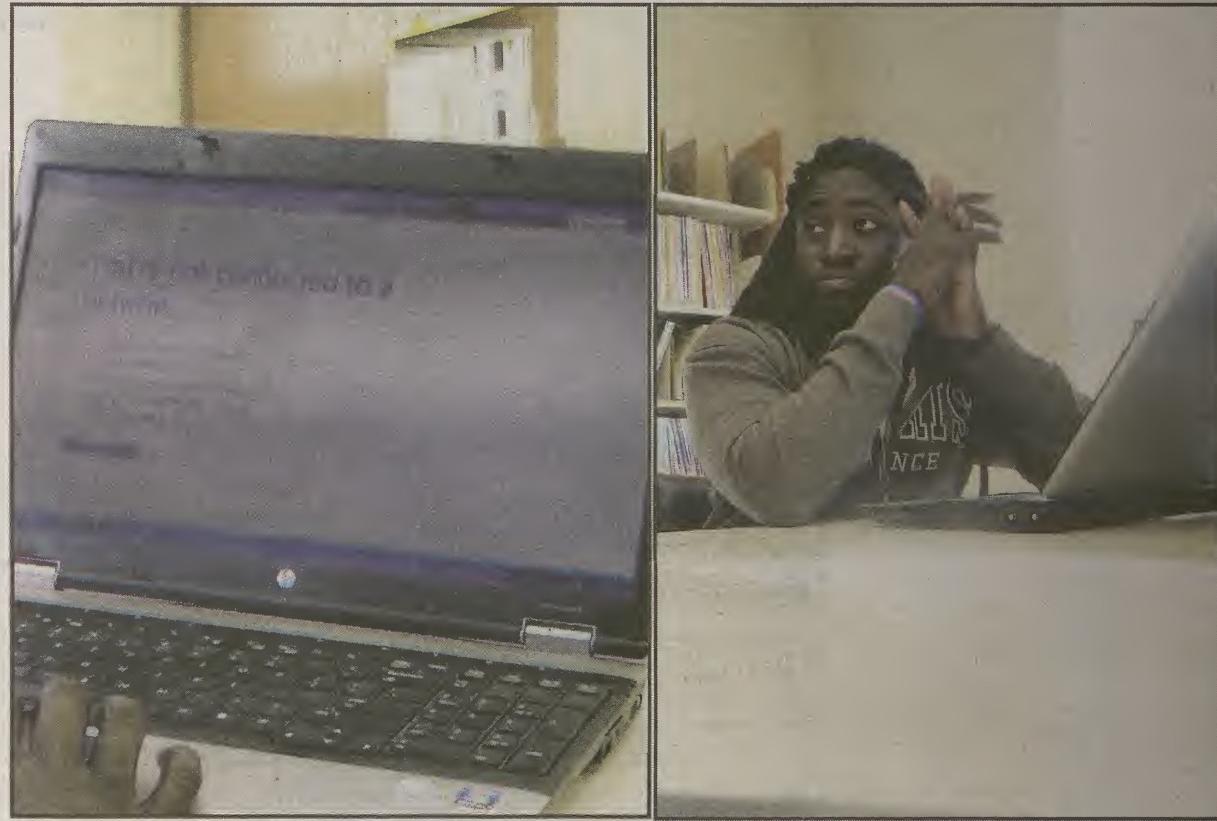


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YOU'RE NOT CONNECTED TO A NETWORK Not being able to get on Wi-Fi will often result in this message popping up on a computer screen. Vaughn Library is one of many places where the Wi-Fi access is less than reliable.

Not only does this frustrate students, it greatly reduces the time needed to complete timely assignments.

"I use the Wi-Fi every time I go to class," said Tavoskia Jones, TJC student, "I use the guest (hotspot label) because it's a lot easier to connect to."

It seems like students use the guest login the majority of times due to the fact that using the student login rarely works. Some say that they have had to change their Apache Access password just to log in once, and then they have to turn around and do it over again if they want to log in a second time.

"Every time I try to pick up on it," said Jamaul Dardem, "there's always a wall or page that will come up on my phone or laptop and says that it's a bad site."

Several things could cause the problems students face daily when trying to use the school Wi-Fi.

"It could be the server, it could be something with IT, it could be something with the students device; whether it's a tablet or specific brand. These are all the things IT told us during our interview," said Fortune.

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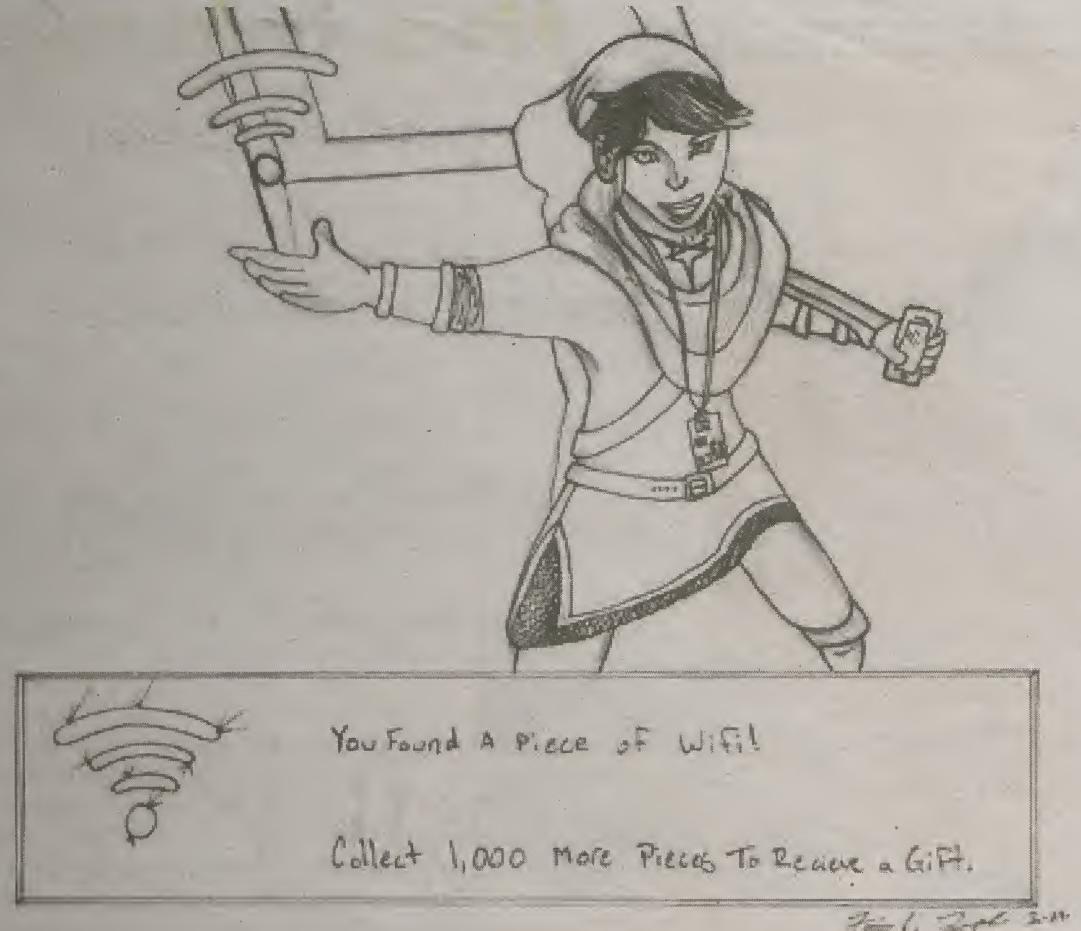
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No break for international TJC students

Column

What are international students supposed to do on Spring Break, or any other holiday?

The dorms close on March 4 till March 13, and any students who remain inside of what is supposed to be their "home away from home" will be charged \$50 just for being inside of the Halls after noon on the 4th, and each day thereafter. That would be \$450 for the entire time.

Each international student has a different monetary situation. Some can afford to stay in a hotel, but what about the ones who aren't that fortunate? Where are they supposed to go? What are they supposed to eat, since the cafeteria is also closed?

The good part is, Spring Break doesn't deal with the pressure of being a holiday away from home like Christmas does. Christmas break involves time with family and that's when International Students get really lost. If they don't go back home they have to find another family here who would accept and foster them in their celebrations.

Spring Break is more about interacting with friends than with family, but do you want to hear a little surprise? College students are broke! Now imagine International college students, normally the currency from their country is worth much less than the dollar, which puts International students in an even worse financial bind.

"Last semester I had to stay here for a day on Thanksgiving break because my flight was delayed. I had to pay for a hotel room and food, and I still didn't have enough money to go home."

ing break, and I got charged 50 dollars, which in my currency in Brazil is worth 210 reais," said Barbara Arroio, Brazilian



Julia Contarelli
Student Life
Editor

International student. "I don't think that is fair! When I moved here I already paid so much to be able to live in the dorms, so why can't I stay in the dorms, you know?"

Where are

they supposed to go? And does anybody even care? Being away from home is hard and many obstacles like this will show up in their way. But let's not forget who we are talking about.

We are talking about students that overcame the average back at their home. They stepped up to live by themselves in a different country and, many times, they didn't even know the language to begin with. Overcoming the difficulty of learning a language is hard and adapting to the United States culture is even harder.

So I guess dealing with the fact that they don't know where to sleep or eat for a week won't be as bad as it sounds, because they will figure it out. International Students have to find their own way with so much, the dorms being closed is just one of the many obstacles that they face at TJC.

Wi-Fi works half the time on campus

Editorial

Wi-Fi has become such an essential part of everyday life, especially everyday college life. After numerous complaints about the school's Wi-Fi, steps are being taken to resolve the connection problems experienced by the majority of students on campus.

The issue with the Wi-Fi isn't just a bunch of college kids having issues updating posts on social media. It actually has a huge impact on their ability to do well in school. If classes continue to be structured as they are now, then TJC has a responsibility to provide adequate Wi-Fi for the students.

Many people might instantly disagree, but the way students learn and complete assignments has completely changed in the last decade. The non-online classes, even the ones that aren't listed as hybrid, also utilize an online element. Before, when signing up for an online or hybrid class, it was understood ahead of time by the students that Internet was required, but with all classes having an online element, a campus Wi-Fi connection is essential.

The Internet has provided a way for teachers to communicate with students, leave class notes, accept assignments and leave instructions for assignments. Not all classes with Canvas highly rely on it, but it is definitely an advantage for a student to easily access it.

With this in mind, not every student can afford Internet at home. Some can't even afford a laptop. This isn't the college's responsibility to provide these things, and to some extent it does with the computers in the library, but if a college really cares about the success of the students, the obvious answer is to try and make classes as operable as possible for every student. The library, as noted before, works hard to give access to most students, but these computers are often all being used.

Another major part of college is research papers. It is impossible to graduate college without being assigned at least one research paper at one point or another. Many students write their papers with online sources, and this has become so popular that the library doesn't really have a need to buy physical books anymore.

Students would run into major issues trying to write a paper now with the current selection in the library and, to be fair, the library can't be held responsible for this problem. Asking them to buy books for research materials that no one is going to use is as pointless as asking for students to stay on campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day.

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It wouldn't benefit anyone. The library does need to have physical books and provide research material, but expecting them to write papers without the Internet would be a disaster. It's not a talent that the current generation ever learned.

All this matters because the current Wi-Fi on campus can't support the student population. It is hard to connect to, slow and kicks you off the server a lot. It is almost easier to just not use it. Fixing these problems would cost lots of money and time, because the size of the campus and number of people who need access is much, much bigger than the typical family.

Students need to be reasonable and understanding when asking the college to fix the problems, it isn't going to be an overnight solution.



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TERMS OF USE (above) Prepare to read through the terms of use before you're allowed to get on the Wi-Fi.



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SIGN HERE PLEASE (above) Roughly 1,000 signatures are needed for the Wi-Fi petition to push through.

the inbox

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Trivial topics should mean harder news in newspapers

Dear Editor,

While perusing the last issue of the Apache Pow Wow, I noticed something had been blatantly omitted from that issue: any mention at all of the current elections, local or national. While I appreciate being informed on the latest fashion designers' endeavors and the pool playing abilities of some of my peers, it all comes across a little trite. This year's election is perhaps one of the most controversial in all of US history, and to just ignore it is doing a great disservice to your readers. There was an article about "dating violence" but no mention of Smith county's sheriff elections. You mentioned the increase in tuition coming next semester, this would have been a great time to mention the reforms our presidential

candidates would bring to the higher education system, such as Bernie Sanders' plan to make college tuition-free like many of our democratic peers in Europe and around the world. This year marks the first time many students will be legally able to vote in a presidential election and there are clearly issues at hand that will affect them. I fear, though, that it may be too late, primaries close on Tuesday and there seems to be no indication of our beloved school paper covering issues that actually affect us in meaningful ways. By all means, though, continue to write fluffy, feel-good stories that serve only to further distract us from the real issues we face.

Daniel McKenzie



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Zika virus may halt plans for Project Costa Rica

Growing concern for the rise in Zika cases troubles promoters for TJC's Project Costa Rica

By Alejandra Hurtado
Spanish Editor

Project Costa Rica is a community service by some student of Tyler Junior College but this year the promoters of this community activity in Costa Rica has not yet been decided whether this project will be due to the increase in cases by the Zika virus in Latin America has alerted the promoters of this community activity in Costa Rica.

"At this time, there is no scientific evidence of any active virus circulation within the country."

-Costa Rican Presidency

According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, "Zika is a disease caused by Zika virus that is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito."

Zika was previously reported in tropical areas such as Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. However, Pan American Health Organization reported an alert in May 2015 confirming that Brazil had the first zika virus infection case.



Courtesy Photo

AEDES MOSQUITO SPECIES, ZIKA TRANSMITTER is mainly transmitted through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Mosquitoes become infected when they bite a person and infected, this becomes a carrier of the virus transmitting the Zika virus to others through their bites.

This was the start of transmission of Zika virus within 18 countries, "This is twice the number of countries and territories that were reported as having locally transmitted cases of Zika in the previous epidemiological update (Dec. 1, 2015)," according to Pan American Health Organization's website.

One of the countries on the list is Costa Rica, located in Central America where each year since 2009 TJC has gone for this project.

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CJSA prepares for interactive trip to Louisiana State Penitentiary



BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER The CJSA hosted 2 bake sales to raise money for their future trips and needed materials for the program.

By Megan Nicholson
Staff Writer

The Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) will be taking its annual trip to the State Penitentiary in Angola, Louisiana this year.

The reason Angola was chosen for the Apr. 14, 2016 trip was due to Angola State Penitentiary's allowance that visitors may interact with inmates. When the students go they will be able to touch, speak with and even eat lunch with the inmates.

According to the penitentiary rules, as many people as can legally fit into one vehicle may enter. The cost for each student is \$100.

"We are taking a tour bus,

and I told the student they had to pay when they signed up, and we filled the spots within two weeks," said Mary Pyle, Professor-Criminal Justice.

So far this year, the group has had two bake sales to help raise money and also requested funds from SSFAC for the trip. The money they raise is put into an account to save up for future trips and to help cover the cost of T-shirts, water bottles, pencils and other CJSA items for when students become paid members of CJSA.

This trip is for CJSA paid members only. "I had to cap the number of students that get to go

"I feel like this is a great learning experience for my future career, and I'm excited to see how the justice system works and how it all comes together."

-Amy Curtis
TJC student and member of CJSA

off at 50," said Pyle.

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"Dr. Metke was a Peace Corps Volunteer as a young man in Costa Rica," said John Hays, department chair of Foreign Language and Spanish professor. Since 2009, the Project Costa Rica has been an annual. "Collaboration between UTT and TJC to give global exposure/experience to our students while at the same time working in a rural Latino setting effecting relationships," Hays said.

However, due to the latest news about the Zika virus, the project scheduled for May 16-25 has not been confirmed yet for this year. Stephanie Eijsink with, ETMC First Physicians Clinic at Tyler Junior College service and who also accompanies them on the trip to Costa Rica said via e-mail "we will be meeting next week to discuss it. Right now there is not a definitive answer I can give you."

Although, TJC has yet to make a decision about Project Costa Rica, a press release issued Feb. 1 by the Presidential government of Costa Rica, The Ministry of Health and the Costa Rican Tourism Institute said, "Zika virus should not be an impediment to domestic and foreign tourists to visit the various tourist attractions of Costa Rica." Also, on Feb. 9, a publication through the website of the Costa Rican presidency said "at this time there is no scientific evidence of any active virus circulation within the country."

Costa Rica has also launched plans to prevent the spread of Zika virus, some of these are the constantly information and education to the community about the prevention measures against possible

mosquito breeding sites such as water in containers, pond, tires, tanks or holes in the ground.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention website published a series of prevention tips against Zika virus.

* Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

* Stay in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.

* Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents.

* Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.

* If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen before applying insect repellent.

* Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are overseas or outside and are not able to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

Also, CDC announced some symptoms and treatments for this disease.

* About 1 in 5 people infected with Zika will get sick.

* The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes).

* Symptoms typically begin 2 to 7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

* Zika is primarily transmitted through the bite of infected

* Mosquitoes become infected when they bite a person already infected with the virus and then the mosquitoes can then spread the virus to other people through bites

* It can also be transmitted from a pregnant mother to her fetus during pregnancy.

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comes together," said Amy Curtis, second-term Paralegal major and member of CJSAs. "I am most excited to visit the 5th circuit court, because I hope to end up somewhere just like that one day. Also, I think that the prison rodeo will be very interesting."

When the CJSAs students go to Angola Prison, they are also going to the Prison Rodeo. It is the longest running prison rodeo in the United States. It is held on one weekend in April and on every Sunday in October. On each occasion, thousands of visitors enter the prison complex for the rodeo.

"It is a little eerie to think that we will be with the criminals and that we will be able to make contact with the execution objects, but I am more than excited and cannot wait until April," said Treounah Wiggins, Criminal Justice major and member of CJSAs. "I'm already counting down the days till we leave."

For more information on CJSAs, contact Mary Pyle at mpyle@tjc.edu. For more information on the Louisiana state penitentiary, visit the website <http://www.doc.la.gov/pages/correctional-facilities-louisiana-state-penitentiary/>

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Know how to prepare for a successful job interview

The key to success in preparing for any job interview is knowing the right and wrong way

Julia Contarelli
Student Life Editor

The responsibility of life after high school, with paying bills and keeping fed, is a huge step in life. A job interview is the first stage in providing what is needed, and getting nervous is part of it.

Here are four steps to prepare for a successful interview:

1. Clothing
2. Attitude
3. Resume and Reference list
4. Social Media

"People need to think about their story and about what information they want to get across to the employer. You always want to look at the industry or the company."

-Maggie Ruelle
Career Services C Jaelon Mitchell coordinator

These are the ingredients to help ensure a successful interview.

1. Clothing.

"In some industries, expect that you will be wearing a business suit every single day. You need to know your audience and what is appropriate for different places," said Ruelle.

Business Formal for a man: should include a suit, a long sleeve shirt, a tie, shoes, socks and a belt.

Business Formal for a woman: should include a suit, a shirt, closed-toe dress shoes and hosiery.

Business Casual for men and women: neat and clean clothes -- covered midriff, thighs, cleavage and back.

Avoid: T-shirts, caps, flip-flops, sweats, logos, jeans, anything revealing, torn, wrinkled

or dirty and too much perfume or cologne.

"There are some industries and companies where it is absolutely appropriate to wear jeans and flip-flops to work," said Ruelle. "Now, that being said, I would never show up with jeans and flip-flops to an interview -- ever. Even if that's what everyone else is wearing."

Also, it should be considered that the employer is judging each applicant.

For women, do not use too much makeup and use a neutral nail polish. A top that is too tight or transparent isn't a great idea.

For men, pay attention to tie choice. A neutral color, with no pattern is the best



Photo by Julia Contarelli

DERIK GRAY AND FAVIAN QUEZADA - (LEFT) Derik is wearing grey slacks with a button-up shirt. He is properly dressed for a business casual job interview. **(RIGHT)** Favian is wearing basketball shorts and a hoodie. He is not properly dressed for any kind of interview.



Photo by Julia Contarelli

ALEJANDRA HURTADO AND RACHAL GILBERT (LEFT) Alejandra is wearing a black jacket, matching black boots and dark blue pants. She is properly dressed for a business casual job interview. **(RIGHT)** Rachal is wearing sweat pants and a T-shirt. She is not properly dressed for any kind of interview.

Interview Stream is a new software tool helping students succeed in job interviews

Jaelon Mitchell
Staff Writer

A new software program at TJC will help students get ready for job interviews, officials say.

"Interview Stream is an up and coming website that TJC has just recently started, and I am really excited to see how the students will use this new resource and benefit from it," said Maggie Ruelle, Tyler Junior College coordinator for Career

Services. "This is a great tool for them to see how they are in an interview and how they conduct themselves."

Interview Stream is a website that puts students in a realistic setting using certain questions that will be asked in an interview. First, when visiting the website, students will need to set up an account. Next, click to choose to conduct an interview. There are two types of interviews to choose from, the first one is a pre-made interview created just for the user. With this, students can choose

to do an interview designed by the chosen career choice. Some of the choices include nursing, criminal justice and even default questions asked at standard job interviews. They also have custom interviews from more than seven thousand pre-recorded questions. After finishing the interview, students can then watch it to critique and see what needs improving for a real interview setting.

With Interview Stream now coming to TJC, the school finally has a resource where the students can conduct practice interviews

and better themselves. Having this new resource for students to use "fills the gap" so that they no longer have to go to career services to complete interviews.

The website was put up on the TJC website on Jan. 27. So the product has not been tried by students yet.

"With just being contacted by the company this is a very new product here at TJC," said Ruelle. "About 10 faculty

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Practice acting in a formal manner. Use a formal/professional voice. In group interviews, enthusiasm is expected.

"It is very important in a group interview to be assertive without being aggressive," said Ruelle.

Avoid: Profanity and speaking too fast.

3. Resume and references.

"Always bring copies of your resume, also they need to be on the nice resume paper. And then you need to bring, separate, a list of your references," said Ruelle. "You want to bring your resume and your reference list on something nice."

Resume musts:

Qualifications for the job.

Prior work experiences.

Avoid: Walking into the interview with hands occupied

that are needed to greet the interviewer. The handshake tells a lot, and an awkward handshake can set the tone for the interview in a negative way.

4. Social Media.

"Look at social media. I know that sometimes it may be surprising to people, but it's absolutely fair game for employers to look at your Facebook and your Twitter feed, your Instagram account," said Ruelle. "And what you put on there can absolutely impact whether you are seen as a professional or not."

Take down what you wouldn't like your boss to see.

Delete excessive party pictures.

Delete pictures with too much cleavage.

Delete pictures doing anything illegal.

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members have been trained using this website and they are excited to get this out for the students so they can use it."

While there are several things to like about Interview Stream, Ruelle said that her favorite thing about it is the word filler counter, it actually counts words people use when they get stuck or don't know what to say. Some of those words are "um" and "like". She also likes how students can use it on their mobile devices. With everyone not being able to have a laptop, students have another way to access this great resource.

"I hope students use Interview Stream multiple times to get added practice, get comfortable in an interview setting, shy students and any students can get comfortable classroom speaking and to be able to perform to find employment," said Ruelle.

Some other things Interview Stream helps with is working on are majoring in. "But it is not just exclusive for second year students;

"This is a great tool for them to see how they are in an interview and how they conduct themselves."

-Maggie Ruelle
Career Services Coordinator

public speaking, projection of voice, posture and how to present oneself during an interview. To create an account, students can contact Ms. Ruelle or set up an appointment to meet in her office in the Rogers Students Center on the second floor. Professors can also create assignments for the students once the account is created.

This resource is really good for second-year students who are about to graduate from TJC who are looking for either an internship or a job in the field which they

freshmen should also look into this for future possibilities in internships and jobs," Ruelle said.

For more information or to set up an account call Ms. Ruelle at 903-510-2480 or email her at (mrue@tjc.edu). Her office is located in the Rogers Student Center on the second floor.

DIY spot opened for almost any kind of music performance

By Marshall Gearfoss
Online Editor

Created by artists who desired something different, The DIY Spot provides Tyler with a musical venue for audiences and bands wishing for a different pace.

"As a musician myself, I've played places, and nobody is there to see the music, they're there to play pool and drink beer," said Brian Hoisington, the primary owner and operator of The DIY Spot, "it gets on my nerves [when] I drive 100 miles to play my music and nobody cares."

Also a local artist, Brian Hoisington was discontent with Tyler's music venue options. So, he decided to use his family's property to give Tyler the option he thought it deserved.

"At the time, there weren't any local places really, in Tyler, other than Clicks," said Hoisington, "I met this dude, Joey, and we decided to be in a band. So, we got together, and we started playing at The DIY Spot before it was The DIY Spot."

Before serving the community as the music venue it is today, the building, located at 3101 Bellwood Rd. had served many purposes through time.

"It's been a number of different things over the years. It's been a burger joint, it was an Orange Julius at one point in time, it was a barbecue place and I heard somebody saying that it used to be like, a nightclub, at one point in time," said Hoisington.

He explained that just before it became a music venue, the building was "an over-glorified storage shed that my fa-

ther-in-law owned."

"The place was full of junk, I mean, we had to carve us out a little area so that we could even get in there to start writing songs when we first started playing together. Basically, we got a bunch of people to help us out and we cleaned out the main part of the venue and dumped all of the junk into the side room and into the very back," said Hoisington.

On Sept. 11, 2014, the first official performance starring Channel 8, along with a handful of other local artists, kicked off the venue's journey into alternative music. Originally, the performance wasn't scheduled for September, but plans at a different venue got canceled at the last minute, so the band needed a new stage quickly.

"So Casey, from Channel 8, was scrambling for a place to put on the show," said Hoisington, "and so he was like, hey, can we just do it there ... so a bunch of people pulled together and helped us move all that junk, and got a P.A., and put on a show, and that was how it started, basically."

Having now hosted upwards of 40 shows, Hoisington is willing to give nearly any band a shot at performing at the venue, with the exception of, as he titled, "generic-a-- rock."

"For the most part, I'm pretty much open," said Hoisington, "we've had a rap/hip-hop-like electronic show before, but the majority of the bands, the majority of the stuff around here, excluding country, is all metal/punk/hardcore, you know, stuff like that ... just something that's different. I don't want to do mainstream."

In Tyler, Hoisington explained, most of the music ven-

ues are bars, and the typical priority for those audiences is the alcohol and games. And with The DIY Spot's BYOB policy, there are no age limitations for attendance.

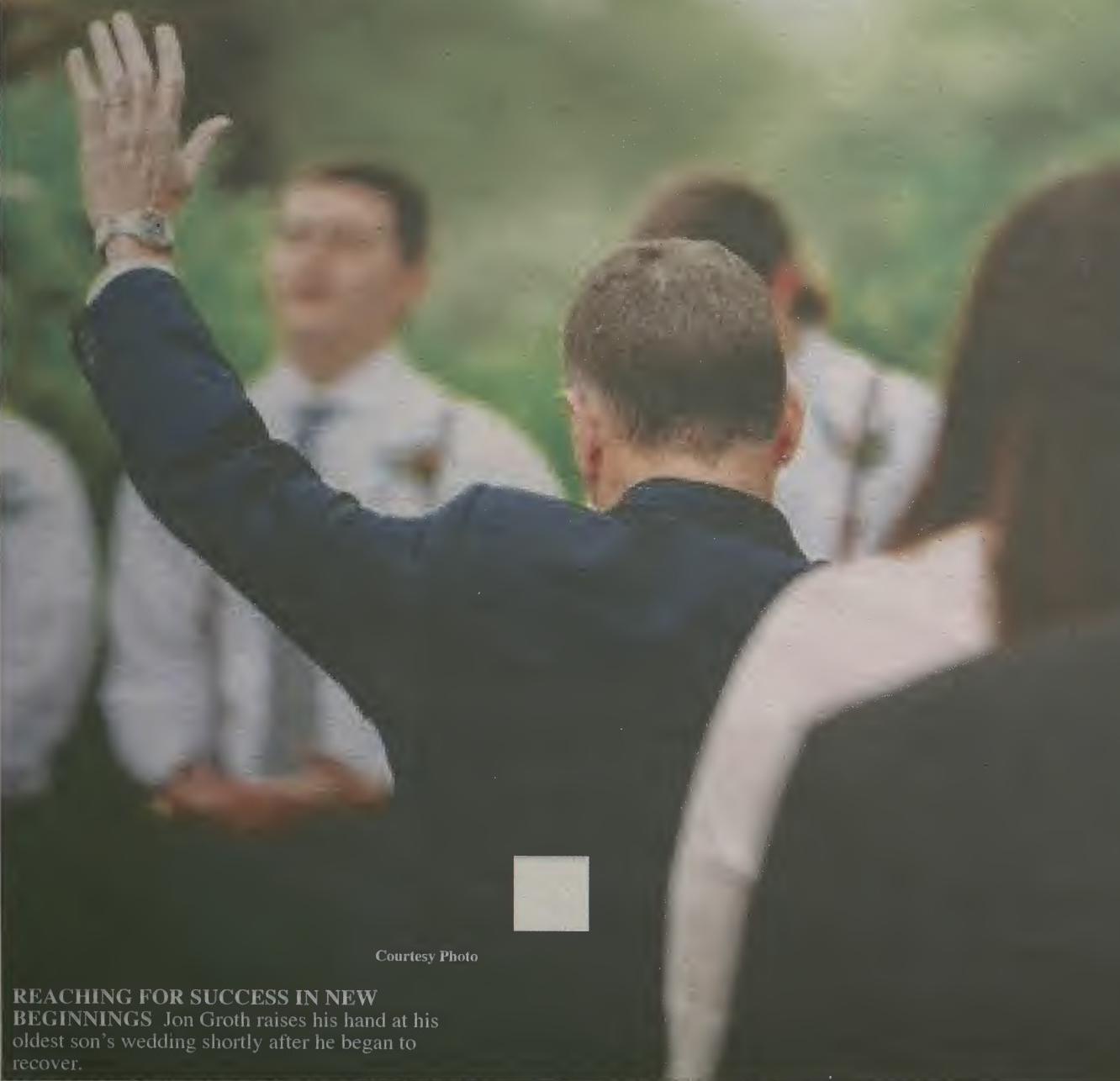
"That's one of the things why I don't dig Clicks very much," said Hoisington, "because most of the time, nobody cares. They're just there to sit out back and get drunk and play pool, and the band is background noise. The whole point of doing all this is to give people a place to go to that's not a bar - a place for bands to play where people are there to see the music."

For information about upcoming shows and cover charges, or to contact Brian, visit The DIY Spot's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/thediyspotlyertexas/?fref=ts>



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Swinging for the fences



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REACHING FOR SUCCESS IN NEW BEGINNINGS Jon Groth raises his hand at his oldest son's wedding shortly after he began to recover.

Nothing shor

By Trent Cooper
Senior Staff Writer

Former inaugural baseball Head Coach of TJC, Jon Groth, exemplified the qualities of a coach perfectly.

Hired in 1992 to build a baseball team from scratch, he instilled his values into players and students for nearly 18 years. With a doctorate of Kinesiology, Groth knows the importance of staying in shape and treating the body right.

In October of 2014, he was diagnosed with a deadly form of acute pancreatitis. It came as a shock to local doctors and everyone that knew him. How could a healthy guy with no history of medical problems be diagnosed with pancreatitis, a disease found mainly in people with a strong history of alcohol abuse or extreme obesity? It was time for the baseball coach to step up to the plate and take a swing. Not just for himself, but for his family and the countless lives that he'd touched.

While coaching a summer baseball league in Chugiak, Alaska for the third consecutive year, things were going well. Five years removed from the head coaching job at TJC, he stayed involved in baseball. He brought along his family, which included his wife and six kids.

One day, Shortly after team fellowship in Chugiak, pain suddenly took over Groth's torso area and would not subside. At a local clinic, he began describing the pain to the doctor.

"Then out of nowhere, the pain is just gone, like it was never there," said Groth.

CT scans showed gallstones, so the doctors encouraged him to have surgery to remove his gallbladder due to the risk of

Part of a miracle, the recovery of Jon Groth

pancreatitis.

Being a healthy guy, this was something that Groth had never really encountered before. After some discussion, he decided to return home to Tyler to have the surgery so that he could come back and coach for the rest of the summer. After no more than 10 days and an outpatient surgical procedure, he was cleared by a doctor to return to Alaska and finish out the summer doing what he loves.

Five years prior to the surgery, Groth was the head baseball coach at TJC, a position he held for 17 years. He was hired by the administration in 1992 to rebuild a baseball program. Legend has it that back in the late 1960s, there was an unsuccessful attempt to start up a team, which mysteriously shut down after five or six years.

Groth received his Bachelor's degree from the University of New Orleans where he played baseball and reached the 1984 College World Series. After two years of professional baseball in the Cincinnati Reds organization, he went back to school. He moved to Georgia Southern to get his Master's degree, where he began his coaching career as a graduate assistant.

"I fell in love with teaching and coaching college students when I was at Georgia Southern, so I decided to stick with it," said Groth.

He went on to Texas A&M where he became an assistant coach and full time faculty member while working on his PhD in Kinesiology. In 1992, he was hired as the first official baseball coach of TJC.

When Jon took over in the early 90s, there was no field to play on, nor equipment to play with. The City of Tyler purchased Mike Carter Field in early 1993 with

intentions of renovating. The field was eventually sold to Tyler ISD, and later bought by TJC which used it to provide the new baseball program with a home stadium.

Renovations have been made over the years, however it is not how Groth remembers his old stomping grounds.

"In the first couple of years, the bricks in the outfield weren't done and the dugout wasn't finished. No seats either, it was a bring-your-own-lawn-chair type deal," said Groth.

In the first 10 years, the baseball program joined the NJCAA Division I conference and did well. Recruiting was picking up due to the enticing new baseball diamond, and the program was starting to take off.

Eventually, the school decided to fall back to Division III in baseball. Despite the transition, the baseball team made the NJCAA World Series in five of seven years under Groth. Additionally, over 100 players went on to play 4-year baseball.

In 2009, he stepped down as head coach. Jon then had more time to do what he really wanted to do: spend time with his wife Kitty and their six kids.

When the Groth's

Courtesy Photo

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH Groth's wife, Kitty, checks on her husband while he is at the hospital. Groth has since been released and is back at TJC.

returned home from Alaska after the season ended in the summer of 2014, Jon seemed to be doing fine. Occasionally he had quick flashes of pain that lasted for 10 or 15 minutes, but they were rare.

He returned to TJC in the fall to teach several Kinesiology classes, and still spent time hovering around the baseball field and doing play-by-play broadcasts on game days.

Then, Oct. 8 -- "In the middle of the night Jon started throwing up. He was just in terrible pain, so I grabbed our son and we headed to the emergency room. Not long after being there, he was diagnosed with pancreatitis and admitted to ICU," said Kitty.

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Softball record 26-1 and still going

Humbling past season motivates team to phenomenal start of year two

By Benjamin Savallo
Staff Writer

After missing the national tournament by just two games last year, TJC softball is back and putting every team in their division on notice.

"This team can win in different ways," said TJC's Head Softball Coach Nicole Dickson. "We have an offensive philosophy, our kids go up there with a plan."

The lady Apaches went on a 16-0 tear to begin the season behind a very powerful offense and pitching rotation, according to the stats of NJCAA's website. Leading the nation in home runs and slugging percentage, this team is looking to send a message. No team in their division has had more runs batted in (RBI's) or more extra base hits. Leading off for this Apache lineup is the speedy shortstop, Jazlyn Crowder, who is leading the team in doubles, triples and stolen bases. But swiping bags doesn't seem to be this team's focal point. Batting clean-up for the Apaches is the catcher, Amber Landry, who is leading the team in RBI's and home runs.

"We're fast, but we're really not that fast ... so, we kind of have to hit the ball hard," said Coach Dickson. "My team is highly motivated. If they do hit it over, then they get to jog around the bases and don't have to run as hard," he added with a laugh.

But the lady Apaches have yet to let all of these stats get to their heads after splitting games with Weather-



Photo by Favian Quezada

TAKING THE FIELD A look back at last season as TJC women's softball discusses the game plan to take the field as they look to bring home yet another win.

"We needed kind of a reality check to stay humble and hungry so

there hasn't been more than two close games all season, outscoring their opponents 215 to 42. Also, behind the arms of four pitchers, who have combined for six shutouts, struck out 146 batters and added a perfect game by the ace pitcher, Abby Walker.

With all of these elements, it's nearly impossible to keep these ladies from accomplishing anything. But there's one thing that this team possesses more than many teams and that's energy. There's never a dull moment in the dugout, between the lines, during practice and during

"We're fast, but we're really not that fast ... so, we kind of have to hit the ball hard."

-Nicole Dickson
Head Coach, Tyler Junior College softball team

ford and dropping their first loss of the season. The ladies went 4-0 in the Weatherford College Tournament, now 21-1 overall, looking at the loss as more of a moral win.

"we can keep working and getting better," said Dickson regarding Wednesday's loss to Weatherford College.

Staying hungry has seemed to be no problem for this softball team, as

Sights and sounds from Courtyard madness

Column

On Feb. 20, 2016 the Black Student Association, or BSA as known on campus, hosted the second annual Courtyard Madness, which took place in the OHPE center at Tyler Junior college's main campus.

The event was from 10 p.m. - 2 p.m. and featured a variety of events from a 3-on-3 tournament, 3-point shoot out and a dunk contest for those who could rise and finish at the rim.

Walking through the doors, the constant sounds of basketballs bouncing, sneakers squeaking across the courts and the music for the background made the environment feel like an all-star weekend, even without the big-name celebrities and thousands of people waiting in lines to have the chance to get a glimpse of one of the world's greatest athletes.

Every student that entered the gym that morning received a Courtyard Madness shirt and had the opportunity to sign up for any of the three events or just have a seat and enjoy the festivities and be entertained for the day.

At 10 a.m. the event started with the 3-on-3 tournament where teams of three made by the students would face off against each other in a game to 15, or whichever team was winning at the end of 10 minutes. There were many good games cheered by those in the stands for exciting plays and big shots made.



Nick Vaughn
Sports Editor

-- the sounds of the madness could be heard from down the hall and around the corner.

Following the 3-on-3 games was the 3-point shoot out, which did not live up to its potential from the crowd's reaction. But, all the participants had a great time and enjoyed a lot of laughs in the process, which made the turnout that much better.

As the Courtyard Madness was coming to a close, it seemed the best was saved for last with the dunk contest.

The results for it crushed the other two events combined, though there were ups and downs for each

contestant who came up with creative dunks that were able to be finished. Some took longer than others to find the dunk that would jam through the nets and bring the fans to their feet and give applause that would roar the OHPE center.

At the end of the contest, not even the fans could come to an agreement on who should win. So the only thing left to decide the champion was to have a dunk off with the final two participants standing.

Over all, Courtyard Madness was a success and participants had lots of fun.

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games. These ladies are constantly on their feet cheering each other on and building one another up.

"We really wanted to over-emphasize having a lot of energy and helping out your teammates," said Dickson.

With all the energy and flare, TJC is building up a head of steam with conference coming up in March,

which every win counts toward the national tournament at the end of the season. Last year the Apaches entered conference play with 6 losses. This year, with still one last tournament before March, the ladies are looking to be the only team going into the conference with no more than one loss this season.



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Liberty Hall brings classic family fun to downtown

By Marshall Gearfoss
Online editor

Supplying Tyler with live music, classic movies, live comedy and theatre, Liberty Hall is becoming the center of entertainment in downtown Tyler.

"It's good for a family. It's good for a couple on a date night. It's good for people who do really appreciate music. It's not to drink a lot of beer and hear a country band. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but we have those venues already in this community," said Anne Payne, manager of Liberty Hall since it started in 2011. "And so we're trying to provide, through the city, a different option for people."

Originally, the building was an A-list movie theater from 1936 but closed down in 1986. From 1986 to 2011, Payne said that ownership "changed hands quite a few times."

Payne claimed that the building had been used for a multitude of businesses in the time before the city of Tyler bought the building. After much deliberation, city leaders decided to turn it into the cultural center that it is today.

"That's what the citizens wanted," said Payne. "They wanted downtown to be an arts and culture district -- to bring tourism and to bring Tyler's real style and the things that are of interest to the downtown area. And Liberty Hall came out of that plan."

Payne is hoping to make a new style of entertainment available to the citizens of Tyler.

"There's not a lot of opportunity in Tyler, or East Texas that I know of, to bring younger kids to hear live music," said Payne. "I think it's important for younger kids to be exposed to live music as well as live theater. So we try to bring that into a venue that is family friendly."



Photo by Marshall Gearfoss

DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT The Liberty Hall building has been part of downtown Tyler since 1936. It continues to use different forms of entertainment to bring the city together through family fun.

Soon after opening, Liberty Hall had a limited amount of resources and a small following but, as more people attended, the frequency of shows and events grew.

"We started out doing movies every Thursday night when we opened four years ago," said Payne. "We were always planning on being more of a performing arts venue. As we

have grown, the movies have tapered off. Like, I do movies every Thursday in certain months. We do horror movie month in October, we do romance month in February, we do blockbuster month in July -- old summer blockbusters. Stuff

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The Apache Belles are having fun in the sun this Spring Break

By Ladaisha Brown
Staff Writer

Spring Break is one of the most exciting times of the year for students. It's even more exciting for the students who are taking trips.

Throughout their attendance in competitions, football games, basketball games and Spring Break, the Apache Belles take trips around the world. This Spring Break, they will be going to Hawaii.

The Apache Belles is our dance team here at Tyler Junior College and has been around since 1947. They are hard workers and are always focused on making their work into perfection. The Spring Break trips are a stress reliever for the girls.

The Belles will leave that Sunday of Spring break at 4 in the morning and will be gone the entire week. The Tuesday of spring break they will be going to Pearl Harbor in Hawaii to dance for the troops stationed there.

Tuesday morning they will do a free clinic for the troop's daughters. This free clinic will be called "Belles

Babes". The Belles will teach the girls a dance and try to show them a great time.

Then, in the afternoon, the Belles will perform a shorter version of their spring show for the troops and their families.

Also during this performance, the young girls, Belles Babes, will do the dance they learned that morning with the Belles.

Jamilia Carson, a sophomore Apache Belle stated she "loves being involved with the Belles because they give their girls a chance to travel different areas in the world." This will be her second trip, though there is a lot of hard work involved in preparing for a trip like this.

Breunya Fluellen, a freshman Apache Belle stated that she "is very excited because this will be a great place to go with a great group of people."

"The girls will have a lot of fun touring the Island, hiking and swimming with dolphins," said Libby Lowery, the Apache Belle captain. The girls practice long hours a day and prepare for the trip all year. The preparation for a trip like this is very hectic but worth all the time and money put into it.



Photo by Ladaisha Brown

DID I FORGET ANYTHING? Apache Belle student packs for Hawaii, making sure to bring all the necessities.

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like that will draw people, but we have so many events now that we can't do every single Thursday night with a movie."

Although all of the events are chosen by Payne, many of them are selected from online suggestions from the community.

"Facebook is definitely where people suggest what they want to see; what they want to hear. I always say I like Beyoncé and Lil Wayne, but they are not coming to the Liberty. So, if you know of music that is reasonable, or music that is from the Texas or East Texas area, or an up and coming group that might be interested and is looking for somewhere to play," said Payne.

While the theater does play movies, Payne only plays classic movies as opposed to current box office films. Along with introducing Tyler to a unique film experience, she doesn't want to compete with the larger theaters farther south on Broadway Avenue.

"I want you to go experience the new Star Wars there, but I want you to come and see the old Star Wars here," said Payne, "I really enjoy a party, and that's what we try to make it like. That's what makes it community theater. You're gonna come here and hang out with a bunch of people that you don't know but have exactly the same love of whatever it is you're about to see. I love that, and I don't think we have that enough anymore."

For more information on the theater, or to suggest an event, visit www.libertytyler.com, or find them on Facebook.

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Gods of Egypt

Movie Review



Marshall Cearfoss
News Editor

Look, there are good movies, there are bad movies, and then there's this.

There's no point in even trying to explain the story line. I think it had something to do with Egypt and gods or something. I was too confused to keep track.

This was one of the most inconsistently bad movies I've ever seen.

Opposed to equally balancing out the movie budget, they placed ALL OF THE MONEY in certain, specific parts, yet denied other parts of ANY money.

For example, some of the CGI (the not-real things) was actually extremely realistic.

Whereas 95% of the other CGI looks like they tried running Final Cut Pro X on a Gameboy.

Some of the acting was somewhat decent.

Whereas the rest of it seemed as if they yanked the actors out of a grade school theater play, held them in solitary confinement for their entire lives, finally released them from confinement, shoved a script in front of them, and told them not to cry for help.

Also, anytime there was a seemingly impossible problem,

the characters would just, you know, do Egyptian god things and fix the problem. Whereas there were plenty of problems that they "couldn't" fix, which left me mentally screaming at the screen, "YOU'RE A FREAKING GOD. PLEASE STOP FAILING."

Lastly, the actors obviously weren't taught how to consistently keep an accent.

All of these Egyptian gods kept accidentally sounding like underpaid southern Californian actors.

This movie made me regret everything. Everything.

I'd like to thank Times Square Cinema for allowing me to watch this atrocity.

From the looks of it, this movie is going to undergo an impressive flop, so let's help out Times Square and watch it once. Then we can all laugh at it together.

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"Project Costa Rica" continua en marcha a pesar del Zika

Por Alejandra Hurtado
Editora en Español

El anual "Project Costa Rica" se realizará según lo previsto, a pesar de los casos confirmados del virus Zika en ese país; esto fue confirmado el 23 de Febrero por los líderes principales del proyecto.

Desde el 2009, el "Project Costa Rica" se ha realizado cada año. "Con la colaboración de UT Tyler (Universidad de Tyler) y Tyler Junior College brindamos una experiencia mundial a nuestro estudiantes y al mismo tiempo trabajamos en un entorno latino entrelazando relaciones de conocimiento" dijo John Hays, jefe del departamento de lengua extranjera y profesor de español.

De acuerdo al Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (Center of Disease Control and Prevention), "[...] El Zika es una enfermedad causada por el virus Zika que se transmite a las personas principalmente a través de la picadura de un mosquito infectado de la especie Aedes."

El Zika se había informado anteriormente en las zonas tropicales como África, el sudeste de Asia y las islas del Pacífico. Sin embargo, la Organización Panamericana de la Salud (Pan American Health Organization) reportó la primera alerta en Mayo del 2015 confirmando que Brasil tenía el primer caso de infección de Zika.

Este fue el inicio de la transmisión del virus Zika en

alrededor de 18 países, "Este es el doble de países y territorios que fueron reportados con casos de transmisión local de Zika en la actualización epidemiológica anterior (1 de diciembre, 2015)" de acuerdo con la página de internet de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud.

Uno de los países en la lista es Costa Rica, ubicado en América Central, donde cada año desde el 2009 TJC ha realizado trabajos comunitarios. "Dr. Metke era voluntario del Cuerpo de Paz cuando era más joven en Costa Rica" dijo Hays.

"Irán 14 personas en total, 2 advisors, 7 estudiantes de

"El Zika una vez más es un virus de menor importancia [...] este hace parte como cualquier otra enfermedad en América Latina, como el dengue."

- John Hays,
Jefe del Departamento de Lenguas Extranjeras
Tyler Junior College

parte de TJC y 5 de UT Tyler" dijo Hays.

A raíz de la situación en América Latina, los principales líderes de Project Costa Rica fueron convocados a una reunión el día 23 de Febrero, con el fin de coordinar los detalles del viaje que se realizará del 6 al 25 de Mayo. Teresa Kennedy, Representante Internacional, y Kathleen Everling, Asistente

y profesora educativa, hacen parte de la representación de la UT Tyler en el "Project Costa Rica".

De igual manera, estuvo también presente Dr. Michael Metke, presidente de Tyler Junior College, junto a Stephanie Eijsink, representante de ETMC, como Auxiliar en Primeros Auxilios en el servicio clínico de TJC y John Hay.

"Acabamos de tener una reunión el martes con respecto a las características específicas del itinerario y las precauciones que debemos tomar debido a ciertas cosas que ahora están sucediendo en América Latina, sobre los cuales no tenemos control" dijo Hays.

El Gobierno de la República de Costa Rica, El Ministerio de Salud y el Instituto Costarricense de Turismo expresan que el virus del Zika no debe ser un impedimento para que los turistas nacionales y extranjeros visiten los diferentes atractivos turísticos de Costa Rica.

En un comunicado de prensa emitido el 22 de Febrero, el gobierno de la República de Costa Rica afirmó: "El Ministerio de Salud de Costa Rica informa sobre la declaratoria de emergencia sanitaria en el cantón de Nicoya y acerca de los dos primeros casos autóctonos de Zika en el país". Debido a estos casos, el Instituto Costarricense de Turismo junto con otras 15 organizaciones gubernamentales de Costa Rica determinaron un plan piloto en la provincia de Guanacaste, principalmente en la zona de Nicoya.

De acuerdo a Hays, los estudiantes terminarán de construir una cerca alrededor de una escuela primaria,

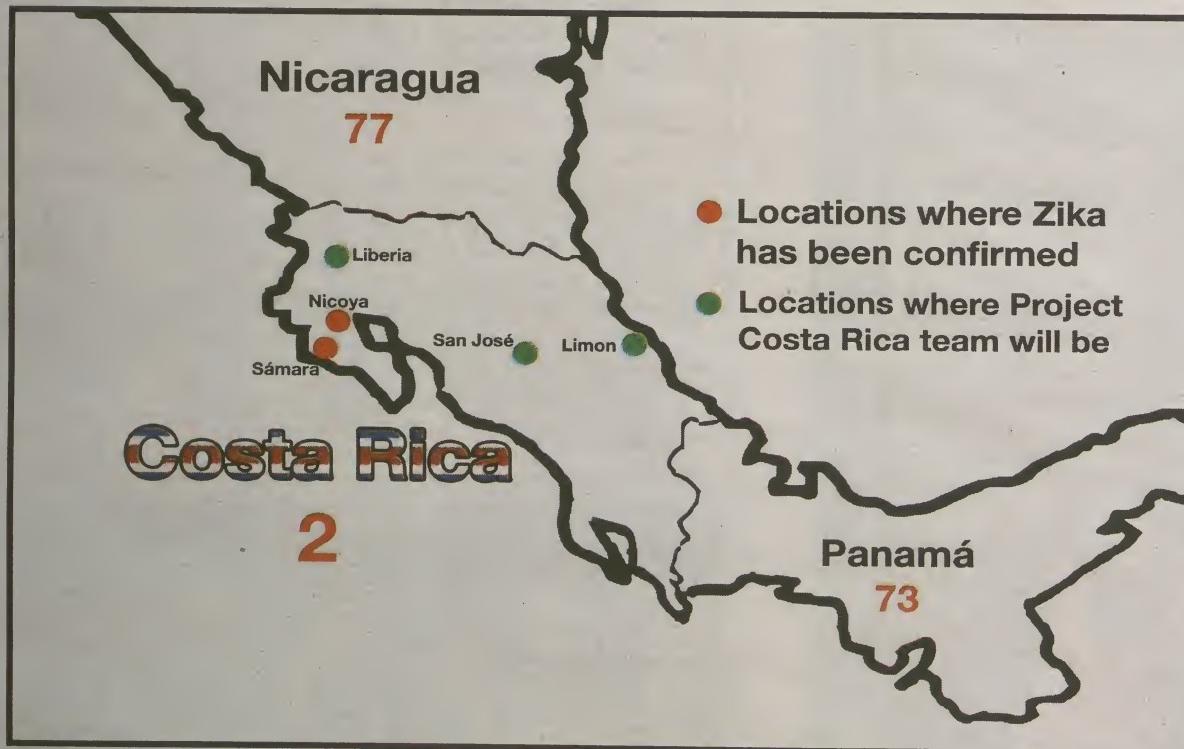


Grafico por Marshall Cearfoss

CASOS DE ZIKA Y TRAJECTO DEL PROJECT COSTA RICA En Nicoya y Samara se reportaron los primeros 2 casos de Zika autóctonos en Costa Rica. Ademas, en países vecinos las cifras van Nicaragua con 77 y Panama con 73 casos segun Centro de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades

"El virus del Zika no debe ser un impedimento para que los turistas nacionales y extranjeros visiten los diferentes atractivos turísticos de Costa Rica."

-Ministerio de Salud y el Instituto Costarricense de Turismo
Gobierno de la Republica de Costa Rica

fertilizarán árboles plantados y darán clases de inglés en las escuelas; además, el Dr. Metke quiere hacer un seminario acerca del tabaco. "Estaremos ocupados durante dos días en el proyecto, pero en general serán 10 días, estaremos en varias áreas de Costa Rica" expresó Hays.

Según Hays, aún no se ha fijado la fecha para la reunión preliminar cuyo objetivo es confirmar los detalles finales del viaje. Sin embargo, ésta deberá efectuarse antes del 12 de Mayo.

Después de regresar, los viajeros por Costa Rica deberán estar atentos y mantener sus propios cuidados, sin embargo es importante e ir al Centro de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades si presenta estas patologías.

Para obtener más información sobre el "Project Costa Rica" contacte a John Hays al correo electrónico jhay@tjc.edu.

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RECOMENDACIONES PARA LA PREVENIR EL ZIKA

En la página de internet del Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades público una serie de recomendaciones preventivas contra el virus del Zika.

- * Use camisas de manga larga y pantalones largos.
- * Permanezca en lugares con aire acondicionado o que tengan mallas o mosquiteros en las puertas y ventanas para evitar que entren los mosquitos.

* Use repelentes de insectos registrados en la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA). Todos los repelentes registrados en la EPA son evaluados para medir su eficacia.

- * No aplique repelentes en la piel debajo de la ropa.
- * Si también usa filtro solar, aplíquese el filtro solar antes del repelente de insectos.

* Dormir bajo un mosquitero mosquito si está en el extranjero o en el exterior y no son capaces de protegerse de las picaduras de mosquitos.



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DR. MIKE METKE Y JOHN HAYS
Dos exvoluntarios del Cuerpo de Paz y representantes de Tyler Junior College liderando desde el 2009, un servicio comunitario a través de "Project Costa Rica."

SINTOMAS Y TRANSMISIÓN DEL ZIKA

El Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades informó acerca de síntomas y transmisión del virus Zika.

* Aproximadamente 1 de cada 5 personas infectadas por el virus del Zika se enferma (es decir, tendrá zika).

* Los síntomas más comunes del zika son fiebre, sarpullido, dolor en las articulaciones y conjuntivitis (ojos enrojecidos). Otros síntomas comunes incluyen dolor muscular y dolor de cabeza.

* Generalmente, los síntomas se presentan de 2 a 7 días después de la picadura de un mosquito infectado.

* Zika se transmite principalmente a través de la picadura de mosquitos infectados.

* Los mosquitos se infectan cuando pican a una persona ya infectada con el virus, este se convierte en un portador del virus transmitiendo a otras personas a través sus picaduras.

* También puede transmitirse de una madre embarazada al feto durante el embarazo

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Events Guide

Fresh 15K

Fresh by Brookshires hosts its annual race, including a 15K, 5K and children's 1K race. All registration fees benefit non-profit organizations. The races begins at 7 a.m. on March, 5 at Fresh by Brookshire's, 6991 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

The Official Texas Gumbo Cook-Off

Featuring Cajun music by Bayou Boogie, this event will have a \$5 tasting fee for sampling the best gumbo in Texas. Located at Pirtle United Methodist Church Co Rd 173, Overton, TX 75684 on March 5, beginning at 11 a.m.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The famous musical by Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber will be coming to Tyler, Texas at the UT Cowan Center. The show begins Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

16th Annual Family History Fair

With several keynote speakers, this event will help you get started on your search for your family history as well as teach how to preserve family history and heirlooms. Admission is free to this event. Located at 1617 Shiloh Road Tyler, TX 75703, on March 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blood Drive

Do you bleed black and gold? Stop by the Blood Drive on the second floor of RSC on March 14-18 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to donate blood.

Girl/Guy Code with Ebony Stewart

Select TJC students and sexual health professional Ebony Stewart will be giving advice about dating,

relationships and sex. Located in the Apache Rooms, the advice session will take place on March 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Heaton Hope Open

The Heaton Hope Open is a tennis charity benefiting Living Alternatives, a ministry to young mothers and their babies. Located at the Cascades, 4511 Briarwood Rd, Tyler, TX 75709. This event will be held from March 18-20. Visit www.hopeopen.org for more information.

Spring into Health

Get educated about colon cancer and other major health concerns with free health screenings, and walk through a giant inflatable colon. Door-prizes will be given and there will be free activities for families and children of all ages. Located at 504 W. 32nd St., Tyler, TX 75702 on March 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

East Texas Symphony Orchestra Concert

The East Texas Symphony Orchestra will be playing a show called "Musical Fireworks". The music starts 7:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. on March 19 at UT Tyler Cowan Center 3900 University Blvd Tyler TX

TJC Open Mic Night

Join TJC Students and showcase your talent at open mic night. A TJC ID is required for entry. The event starts Wednesday, Mar 23 at 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

For upcoming sporting events see page 13 or go to apacheathletics.com

PETITION

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The TJC Student Senate is currently in possession of the petition to get better Wi-Fi on campus. The current issues are "mainly due to the Wi-Fi server being too small to handle the large amount of traffic coming in," said Fortune.

The main buildings that continuously lack adequate signal are: Jenkins, the first floor north hall; the library, around noon; and the basement of Pirtle and Genecov.

The petition will help bring attention to the lack of Wi-Fi connectivity. The amount of student signatures needed to push the petition is about ten percent, or 1,000 signatures. Each petition form has 120 signature slots, which means that roughly eight and a half petition forms will need to be signed.

If the Student Senate is able to achieve the number of student signatures needed, "It will bring attention to the problem of the Wi-Fi and state that the students want it fixed. It may not be during the next year or two years, but it'll let them know so that the problem will not progress," said Fortune.

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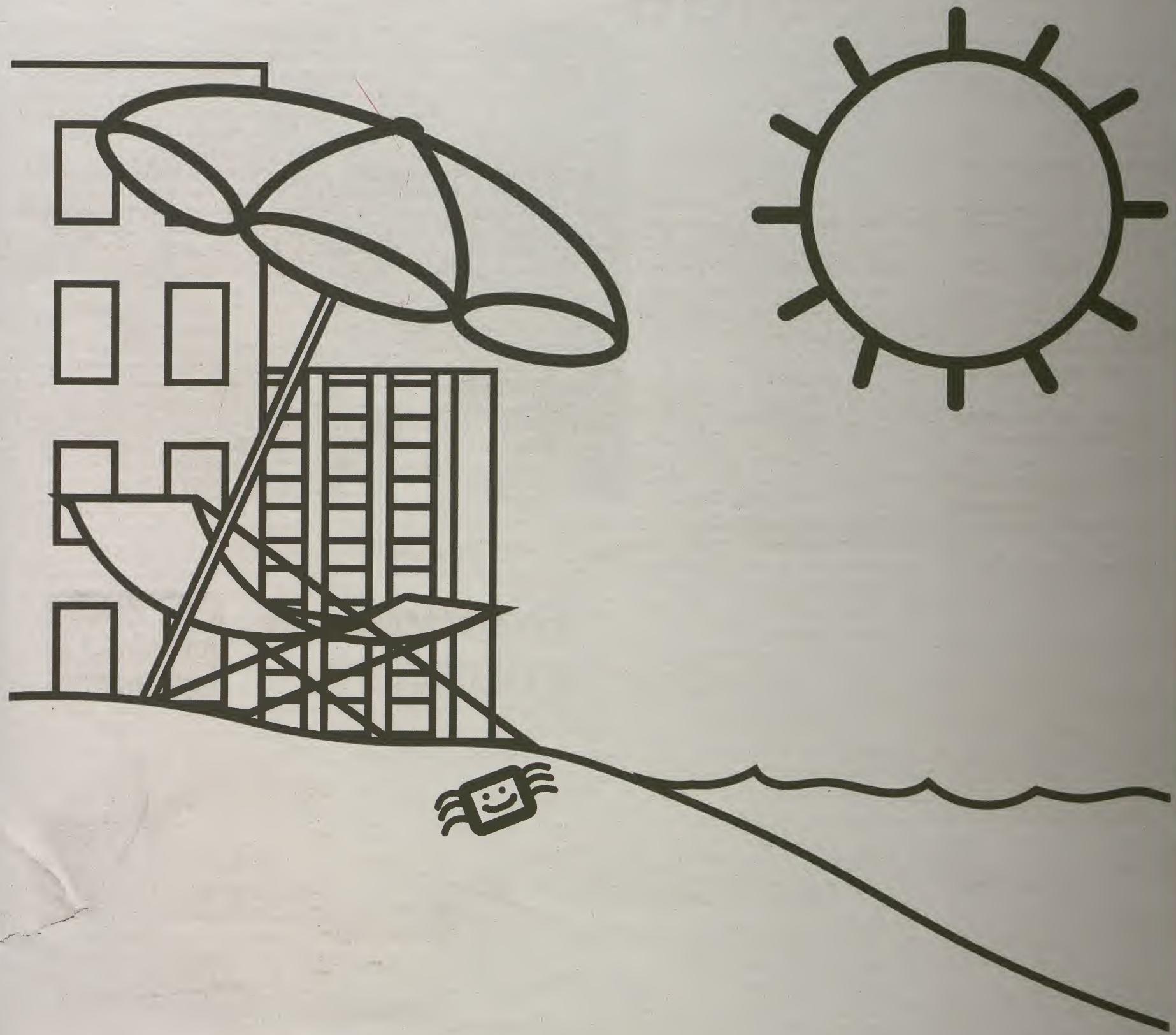
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Doctors decided to put Jon into a medically induced coma for what was supposed to be three days to assess the problem. It ended up being three weeks.

"When they pulled me out of the coma, right after I started to regain consciousness, they cut me open at the stomach and my surgeon claims to have pulled out a volleyball-sized mass of tissue out of my abdomen," said Jon.

After the surgery, a nurse pointed out that he, maybe, had 'one more day to live' with the infection still inside his body. The surgeon chimed in, 'eh, maybe a week.'

He was weak after the surgery. Internal bleeding had started right after the operation concluded, and they were unsure whether or not he was going to make it through another night. He could feel what little strength that he had leaving his body.

The internal bleeding was a curve ball that no one could have predicted, not even the doctors. Blood transfusions were a necessity to

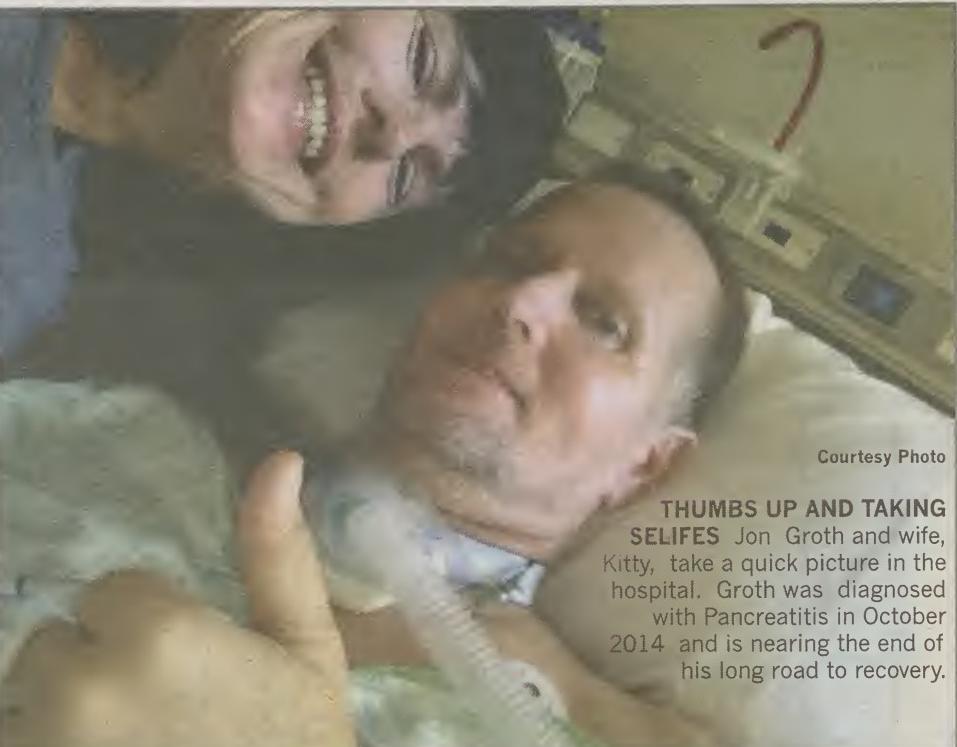
counteract the bleeding. A team of surgeons gathered and debated on the next move.

"Really our lowest time in that whole journey was when the bleeding started, and I knew things were getting bad, and I called my six kids and my wife and I said goodbye to them," said Jon. "I could just tell that the nurses and the doctors couldn't tell if I was going to make it out of the surgery or not. You know, I'm a Christian, I put my faith in Christ, and I believed that if I didn't make it that I was going to be in a better place. Obviously, I was upset about saying goodbye to my family, but spiritually, I was ready if that's what God wanted to do with my life."

They ended up doing exploratory surgery, attempting to find the source of the bleeding. They stuck a probing needle into his leg, planning on working their way up until they found the source.

Doctors were able to locate it, but couldn't figure out what to do. While they discussed the situation, they left the probe over the source of the bleeding. Miraculously, the bleeding stopped. They don't know how; they don't know why. It just stopped.

"I'll go to my grave believing that



Courtesy Photo

THUMBS UP AND TAKING SELIFES Jon Groth and wife, Kitty, take a quick picture in the hospital. Groth was diagnosed with Pancreatitis in October 2014 and is nearing the end of his long road to recovery.

God, at that moment, answered the prayers of a lot of people," said Jon. "There was no explanation as to why it stopped. But from that point on, I've been on kind of a very slow road to recovery."

Over a month spent at the hospital, 40 pounds gained, loss of feeling in part of his right leg, 15 gaping holes in his body, and he still had almost five more months to go, just for recovery.

A month after he left the

hospital, Jon was in attendance at his oldest son's wedding ceremony.

Nowadays, you can find Jon in the pool on Mondays, lifting in the gym twice a week, walking the track once a week and on the elliptical for 60 minutes a week.

"I'm so thankful to the Lord for getting me to this point. Right now I'm about 70 percent of the way there," said Jon.

He returned to TJC this past fall semester to continue teaching. In addition to teaching, he's back doing play-by-play broadcasts for all of the TJC and UT Tyler baseball and softball games.

He's got a real talent for it, and if the opportunity ever comes his way, it's possible that he might take it to the next level. He may even become the next Joe Buck or Chris Berman.

The main focus right now for Groth is getting back to Alaska this summer and doing what he loves. He's rounded third and headed for home, ready to overcome any obstacles on the way of victory.

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